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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-17 and 34-40 have been canceled. No claims have been amended or added.

Claims 18-33 and 41-54 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

In the restriction requirement, the Examiner requested that the Applicants elect one on the following claim groups:

Group I directed to claims 1-17;

Group II directed to claims 18-33 and 41-54;

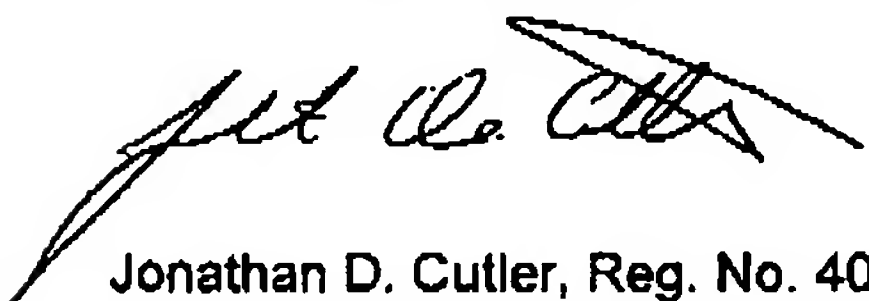
Group III directed to claims 34-40.

The Applicants hereby elect group II.

Accordingly, claims 1-17 and 34-40 have been canceled. Please note that the Applicants reserve the right to file these claims in one or more divisional applications.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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